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but permit foreign nations to mix in our internal affairs.

We therefore call upon our brothers to rally to the common cause for the defense of the national integrity. You could no more wish to yield your present position than for the purpose of rallying to the cause of the whole of Mexico that we may all march together against the invading Yankees. I have such faith in your patriotism that I do not doubt that the forces of your command will rally to fight the invasion of the Americans. I reiterate to you assurances of my distinguished consideration. (Signed) J. MAAS

"General in Chief of the division of the Brava.

Dated Saltillo, April 25.

The V.D.B. Reply.

General reply answer follows:

In answer to your letter of April 25 in which, in accordance with your instruction, you desire me to march with you against the foreign invaders of our country, I would say that I understand your actions fully and also the present diabolical machinations. I know that as an accomplice you took part in the infidelity and treason of February, 1812 (Madero's death). This is perfectly well understood and you should know that we cannot pardon it and also know that it will be the cause of your ruin.

I therefore give you this answer only because your official request and my answer are historical documents and I owe to posterity an explanation of my conduct.

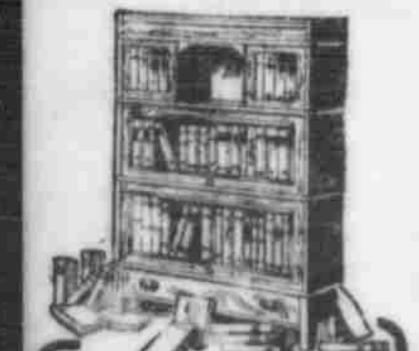
I know that the Centrists by various processes have up to this time sought to bring about North American intervention in Mexico. It is known without doubt that the coming of the Americans was desired and provoked by you. The manner in which you have excited internal troubles and then called on all Mexicans to help fight external troubles is clear of all the world.

General Huerta and you did not show much wisdom when you were converted into instruments of the Centrists and brought about the assassination of President Madero. Vice President Plutarco Elias and some other liberal Democrats, because you did not realize that the blood of the heroes who started the democratic movement in 1910 would cause a civil war which would lead to your ruin.

Now you desire to provoke a foreign war to save yourselves from the disaster coming from the civil conflict. You show even less wisdom when you pile up mountains of machinations and lies which will crumble about your ears.

You have sought to make this union between yourselves and the constitutionalists who are under arms and with the pretext of a foreign war you seek to arm many Mexican whose sympathies are not with you but whose patriotism you expect to exploit, without reflecting that you are about to arm a people who in justice would chastise your crimes. Those same people, when they discover you are an assassin of democracy, soon seek to win over by starting a war against a foreign nation to serve your personal interests and those of your party.

It will soon be proven that the sacrifices demanded which you traitors to the fatherland have made in striving that we have formed a union with the North Americans is a stupid as



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For constitution and reform,

FRANCISCO VILLA,  
General in Chief

VILLA'S GENERAL'S ALL.

DECREE THE INVITATION

Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, May 5.—General Obregon, commander of the division of the northwestern of the constitutionalist army; General Pablo Gómez, commander of the northeastern division; General Pancho Villa, commanding the center division; General Carranza, commanding the besieging forces at Tampico, all officers have refined proposals that they unite with the federalists to repel an American invasion.

**England Will Be Represented At 'Frisco**

Half Membership of House of Commons Demand that the Empire be Represented Properly at Exposition

[By Leased Wire to Evening Herald.] London, May 5.—The British government will reconsider its decision not to participate in the Panama-Pacific exposition at San Francisco and it probably will decide that Great Britain shall officially be represented at the fair in a distinctly modified form.

Opposition Badly beaten.

Washington, May 5.—The fight over the administration's two battleship program for next year in the naval appropriation bill was suspended in the house today when the one battleship proposal was voted down 21 to 148 and a motion to strike out the two battleship provisions was rejected.

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Premier Asquith today received a delegation from the house of commons representing more than half the membership, and promised to submit their views to the cabinet.

The suggestion of the delegation was that the British government erect a special governmental pavilion which would serve as a rallying point for British subjects from all parts of the empire.

Mr. Asquith intimated this proposal which would be in the nature of a complimentary acceptance of the invitation to participate without committing the government to much expenditure. The government itself rejected the proposal by a vote of 148 to 91.

Lodge Fisheries Bill Reported.

Washington, May 5.—The senate fisheries committee today agreed to report without recommendation Senator Lodge's bill directing the secretary of the treasury to provide a hospital ship for the care of sailors of the American fishing fleet.

Suffrage Bills Without Recommendation.

Washington, May 5.—Joint resolutions proposing amendments to the federal constitution to extend the right of suffrage to women and for national wide prohibition were ordered reported, without recommendation to the house by the judiciary committee today. This leaves both proposals to the house for decision without suggestions from the committee.

RHODE ISLAND SENATOR PRESENTS ANOTHER FOOL QUESTION TO THE SENATE

[By Leased Wire to Evening Herald.] Steubenville, O., May 5.—Word reached here today that Leroy Ault, 25, of this city, is being held for a ransom by a band of Mexican bandits near Vera Cruz.

His wife, a former Steubenville girl, is now in this city and is in a state bordering on collapse, fearing her husband may be killed before he is released.

Ault was manager of a rubber plantation about ten miles inland from Vera Cruz, which is owned by Steubenville capitalists. When last seen, April 29, he was in company of Frank Hill of Bremen, Ohio.

MADMAN RUNS AMUCK WITH SHOTGUN AND TWO ARE KILLED

[By Leased Wire to Evening Herald.] Hayden, Colo., May 5.—Two men were killed and one wounded today when James Oldham ran amuck with shotgun.

For two years efforts had been made to have Oldham committed to the state asylum for the insane on a charge that he was mentally defective.

He became enraged today seized a shotgun and before he was overpowered and disarmed Charles and Cliff Fulton had been killed and Samuel Lighthiser wounded.

**Thirteen From Burned Vessel Pick'd Up**

Boat with Seventeen of Passengers of British Steamer Columbian Still Adrift

ON BOARD STEAMER FRANCONIA VIA SAILE IN LAND, MAY 5.—Thirteen survivors of the British steamer Columbia, bound from Antwerp for New York, which caught fire at sea Sunday night, were picked up today by the German liner Franconia, bound from Liverpool to Boston. In the boat with the survivors was the body of the chief steward, Mattews.

Another boat, containing the chief and second officer and seventeen men is still adrift. The Franconia cruised in search.

The spring is yet young and tomorrow is the last day of the special sale of spring hair at the Harley Millinery. Don't miss it.

# PRESIDENT'S BATTLESHIP PROGRAM UPHELD

# GOVERNOR'S PROGRAM IS PRESENTED AT DENVER

Measure Sought by Ammons as Means to Restore Self Government in Colorado Presented to Legislature

## MINE OWNERS RAPIDLY DISARMING CAMPS

Holbrook's Men Come into Possession of Homemade Muzzle Loading Cannon and Other Curious Weapons

[By Leased Wire to Evening Herald.]

Denver, May 5.—Five administrative measures to carry out the program in the governor's call for the extra session were ready for subsequent introduction when the senate and house met today. The bills were drawn by Attorney General Fred Parsons.

The first would submit a constitutional amendment empowering the legislature to create a state board of arbitration to handle industrial disputes and providing punishment for refusal to abide by its decisions.

A bond issue to cover the state's military indebtedness of approximately \$1,000,000 is proposed in another bill providing that the bond be submitted to the people at the next general election.

Two other bills would give the governor authority to close saloons and prevent the sale, gift or purchase of firearms and ammunition in times of internal disorders.

A fifth measure covers the proposal for the establishment of a state police force.

When the senate convened today Senator H. K. Garman introduced a joint resolution requesting the state land board to file with the legislature a statement of all titles of coal lands, their conditions and dates of expiration, and providing for the appointment of a joint committee of three representatives and two senators to investigate and report whether the terms of the leases have been fulfilled. The resolution went over one day.

A resolution offered by Senator L. A. Van Taiberg of Cripple Creek provides for the appointment of a joint committee of six to investigate the Colorado labor trouble and report recommendations to a compulsory arbitration act. Under objections by Senator Garman it went over one day.

The house selected its employees and named its committees. The appropriation committee which will handle legislation for the proposed payment of the militia consists of Representatives Simpson, chairman; Andrews, Ashton, Gates, Gilbert, Kavanaugh, Mann, Norwell, Rowan, Wright, Hawkins, Cunningham and Voght.

The rules committee consists of Representatives Fincher, chairman; Philbin, McCarter, Olds and Haisty.

Warren S. Persons of El Paso county secured the adoption of a resolution requesting the attorney general to define the powers of the legislature under an amendment to the state constitution.

Shortly afterward the first of the administration bills were introduced in the senate.

Senator Pearson presented the bill relating to compulsory arbitration; Senator Metz that regarding firearms; Senator Tobin the one dealing with saloons and Senator Hills the state police measures.

The bills were referred to the proper committees.

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